

ATHLETIC EXERCISES.

NEW GROUNDS AT WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

Defected Methods of Physical Culture. The Foot-Ball and Base-Ball Teams in Good Form.

LEXINGTON, VA., Oct. 25.—Special.—The completion of the new athletic grounds of the Washington and Lee University, at a total cost of nearly five thousand dollars marks an epoch in the life of this venerable and well-known institution, which had its birth one hundred and forty-six years ago.

The establishment and completion of this athletic park, now open to the students of the University, evidences that old Washington and Lee University was never so young and vigorous as at the present time. The expenditure of the necessary funds to supply the students with modern athletic grounds is only another step in the history of this University to make physical culture and athletics a recognized feature of the course and in recognition of the policy adopted by all of the leading colleges and universities of the North and South, who couple the mental and moral training of their students with physical culture, without which no university can hope to attain its full measure of success.

The town of Lexington, where the old University is located, founded by the munificent endowment of George Washington, and named for that great leader of our earlier political history, coupled with the name of Lee, the great second "rebel" and leader of freedom, is situated in a lovely valley, the great Shenandoah, and the training of a beautiful work of art by the hand of nature, one of the most beautiful and inspiring that can be found in all the great Valley section.

But when it comes to find enough level ground on which to play a game of baseball or foot-ball, which shall at the same time be available and accessible, Lexington is one of the worst places in the State. Thus it happened that the authorities of Washington and Lee University had to carve, in part at least, the athletic field out of solid rock. The result of the work done under the direction of Professor David C. Humphreys, of the Engineering Department, more than justifies the hopes of the most sanguine and the lovers of foot-ball and base-ball are left with little, if anything to desire, for the grounds are perfection in every particular.

The location is on the University campus, immediately back of the main building, just beyond the railroad, less than three hundred yards from the gymnasium, which is the home of athletics and the Laboratory of the Department of Physical Culture. The orientation of the field is such that there is no disadvantage to either side from the sun in foot-ball, while in base-ball it could not be better arranged. The entire field is practically level, the centre line of the foot-ball field is perfectly so and the slope on each side is barely enough for drainage. The size is such that there will be at the narrowest place fifteen feet of level ground outside of the foot-ball grid-iron, while for base-ball there will be no fence or obstruction near enough to necessitate any ground rules.

Adjoining the main athletic field is a smaller one, which is laid off into tennis courts. At present there are six courts side by side and two others will soon be added. The clay of which these courts are made is peculiarly adapted to the purposes of the game; it soon becomes hard and firm, while it takes a long time and much playing to make it the least dusty. The drainage is level with a very slight slope for drainage.

PHYSICAL CULTURE.

The Department of Physical Culture was organized in Washington and Lee in 1880, and Dr. E. M. Schaffer, of Baltimore, was elected physical director, in which position he was succeeded by Mr. Fred Cobb, of Massachusetts, and the position is now held by Mr. Harry W. Pratt, M. A., of Virginia, who is associated with a committee of the Faculty of Athletics, has charge of the gymnasium, makes complete measurements of each student, who is willing to be measured, prescribes exercises that are best suited for their symmetrical development and the preservation of health; conducts the gymnasium and its various classes and has charge of the athletic grounds.

The system of measurements and strength tests that developed at Harvard by Dr. Sargent, whose name it bears. After measurement each student makes out a chart or graphical representation which shows at a glance how each measurement compares with the average of all the students. The object of the department is to strengthen the weak points of the student on the principle that a chain is no stronger than its weakest link and that a machine, if it breaks down at all will give away at the weakest point.

The growing importance of good health in our complex modern life, where it is in many cases a necessity, and the responsibility of the physician to be always ready for duty, is such that it will not be long before employers will demand the "physical rating" of applicants; and how many anxious fathers asked by young men to be allowed to take their sons to the physician, will like to know what the chances are for good health and long life for these prospective sons-in-law. How these fathers would value an anthropometric chart of these would be beneficiaries, which would show the physical condition of the family physician for a professional opinion. We won't say that shortly all fathers will demand the physical rating of each young man who aspires to the hand of a daughter, but we do think it likely that before long some young men who have practically no success, submit to the anthropometric chart, if it is known that the father is likely to appreciate its significance, will, if they are doubtful of influence.

The position of the faculty of Washington and Lee University is shown by an extract from the catalogue, where they say "that during the period of the last century the body needs quite as much training as the mind and that a college which holds out incentives to intellectual progress should not overlook the bodily progress without which all intellectual prizes, when won, are useless."

As examples of the specimens of physical manhood the students are pointed to George Washington, who endowed the University, and to General Robert E. Lee, who gave the last years of his life to the University, in re-establishing and directing the institution, which now links his name with "the father of his country."

The brilliant achievements in war of each of these most illustrious men would not have been possible had not each possessed a sound body, well trained and capable of enduring fatigue and privation at the same time they were under a continual mental strain greater than any known to men in the ordinary walks of life.

Exercise in the open air is always recommended in good weather in preference to gymnasium work and outdoor sport is encouraged because the mind is completely rested by the sport. Tennis is especially encouraged by the faculty, as best suited to the wants of physical culture of the average student and much interest is taken in the game, not only by the students, but by the several members of the faculty, and stronger members of which are good players. Every year there is a tennis tournament, with prizes offered. The Summer Law-School students play the game very well and the outlook for the present season is for greater interest and proficiency.

BASE-BALL.

The outlook for the base-ball team is the most encouraging that it has been

for several years. All of the old men of last year, except the catcher, have returned, and among the new men on the ground, there are more than enough ball-players to make a team fully as good and probably much better than the old team.

Among the new men, there is Mr. A. Lammeter, who caught on the Richmond College team last season. Mr. Hodgson is another exceptionally good catcher and batter. The last short-stop of the '94 Randolph-Macon team is here this year. At present there are about thirty applicants for the team, and there is a probability that they may go higher, say forty.

Besides the encouragement derived from material, the new athletic grounds which are well-nigh perfect in their appointments will afford far superior opportunities for practice than those hitherto at the disposal of the team, since they are not over three hundred yards from the gymnasium.

There is a rumor afloat that the best college pitcher in the South intends to come here. If this materializes, the baseball team of Washington and Lee University will be in a fair way to have an unbroken record next year. Last year the University team lost only one game on home grounds and two on away grounds. Twelve games were played, five of which were on home grounds, and seven on grounds of others. The difficulty experienced last year was due to the youth and inexperience of the team, which is, by the thousands, whereas they only play here before say several hundred. The average age last year was eighteen years, while this year it will be about twenty years. Last year together with the experience gained last year, will better the team greatly. The management have made preliminary arrangements for a professional coach, who will take the team in charge for two or three weeks at the beginning of the season.

FOOT-BALL.

The great fall athletic sport, akin to the sports of the Roman gladiators, foot-ball, has taken on an unusual impetus the present season, and promises to develop into an enthusiasm before the close of the season unparalleled in the history of the University.

In former years after repeated efforts, a team was secured, but the present season there has been an overplus of material to form from in making up the composition of the team without any effort on the part of the management and at present there are listed enough men to make up several elevens. All this is due in large measure to the completion of the new athletic grounds, which are so conveniently located that the most do as in former years the training grounds were so inferior and so distinctly located from the University that the men would not take the interest and time to develop a good team.

This year, list of material, men, fine specimens of physical manhood, is far in excess of that of any previous year. Each game played this season has shown the team work of the men to be steadily on the increase and that there was a high development of skill and address in the work on the grid-iron. The securing of a trainer has also lent additional interest and impetus to the men and created a lively and new enthusiasm in the student body. Mr. R. S. Thomas, Captain of the University of Virginia foot-ball team season of 1892-93, has the team in charge, and he thinks with the excellent material to work on, he can push Washington and Lee to the front rank of the Southern colleges in foot-ball. Mr. Roy Mitchell is acting captain pro tem until after the next game, when a regular captain will be elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Captain Powell, who has been elected to the position of captain on account of his big ticket in the academic school.

The schedule of the season will close with a tour through the college towns of Kentucky.

BUCK, '95.

Third Anniversary.

On last Friday night, October 25th, the College View Baptist Sunday school, together with their friends, spent a most enjoyable time, the occasion being the celebration of its third anniversary. An excellent programme had been prepared under the direction of Miss Katie Pink, which was a grand success, showing the thoroughness of training. Promptly at 8:15 the organ, under the sweet touch of Miss Annie Kendrick, began to peal forth a march, and at 8:20 they all joined in singing "Hallelujah Chorus." The "Wonderful Story" The presiding officer, Mr. R. S. Thomas, then read the 118th Psalm, after which prayer was offered by Mr. C. W. Bechtold, who then welcomed them in his usual cordial manner, welcoming them to the celebration of the third birthday of the school. The reactions and dialogues by some of the members of the school were highly appreciated by all. Nothing pleased the crowd that gathered there as much as did the sweet and impressive solo sung by Miss Minnie E. Pryor. Mr. J. A. Sullivan gave the history of the school from its birth to the present. This was a most interesting and enjoyable listening as he traced the school back over the road through which it has passed up to the present.

After an excellent address on prize-winning Mr. G. H. Cole delivered the following prizes: For attendance, first prize, Misses Nettie, Lydia, and Sadie Moore; second prize for attendance, 50 per cent, won by Misses Mary Adams and Mary Dugan. The third prize was given to Misses Lizzie Carver and Florence Kuhn. The "Crowning Day is Coming," after which Mr. T. A. Nuckolls dismissed the assemblage.

This school was organized on August 12, 1892, in the old railroad building at 14 1/2 street. The school moved into the old "Clay Street" Baptist church, where it remained until March 1st, 1893, when they moved to the new building on Clay street, where they are permanently situated.

New Foot-Ball Team.

The Young Tigers of Cville street have organized a foot-ball team, which lines up as follows: R. Brennan, right guard and captain; J. Mondy, left guard; H. Ragland, centre; C. Moran, right half back; E. Taylor, full back; H. Harton, left half back; E. Richardson, right tackle; J. Purcell, left tackle; T. Mondy, centre tackle; N. Parker, left end; C. Tyler, centre end.

The captain will be glad if any team under fifteen years will send challenges to 1714 Venable street.

Died of Heart Disease.

The ambulance was summoned at 10:15 yesterday morning to the corner of Fifth and Broad streets to attend a colored man named Othello Smith, who promptly responded. The man died about five minutes after his arrival from what an examination showed to be heart disease. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of an inquest unnecessary. The man was taken to the almshouse, where they await some request from the dead man's relatives.

City Circuit Court.

The following cases were disposed of in the City Circuit Court yesterday: The suit of Bart & Co. against Spero Alexander was dismissed. The suit of the Jones National Fence Company against the Richmond Agricultural Implement Company was dismissed. The suit of W. A. Moncre, trustee, against Salomons & Co., was dismissed on motion of plaintiff's attorney, as was the suit of Wedright & Archer against Jacob Kirsh.

The "Witches Tea."

"The Witches Tea," for the benefit of the "Summer Rest," will be held in St. Andrews church lecture-room October 31st, at 8 P. M. For telling and receiving members of which are good players. Every year there is a tennis tournament, with prizes offered. The Summer Law-School students play the game very well and the outlook for the present season is for greater interest and proficiency.

If you need Furniture of any sort, size, or description, you can get it at Rother's Big Installment House. See his ad. in this paper.

A novel ad. of Meyer's is published on page 3. Which is the Defender?

THIS WEEK'S PLAY-BILL.

SOL SMITH RUSSELL AND DIGBY REEL.

The Former Will Make His Appearance Tuesday and Wednesday in Three New Roles.—The Latter Will Present the New Opera "Nancy Lee."

Sol Smith Russell needs little introduction to Richmond theatre-goers. He is well and favorably known here, and his annual engagements are always welcomed by large audiences, composed of the best people, with delight. Mr. Russell's pure and wholesome comedy.

Mr. Russell's position on the American stage is a very unique one. There is no other actor like him; his style is peculiarly his own, and there is a quaintness and dryness about it which defies imitation. His plays are bright, clean, and of the kind which provoke plenty of genuine amusement, as well as a healthy and realistic side of life so vividly and realistically that the spectator often finds his laughter checked by an incident so intensely human as to turn the tide of merriment into a serious drama.

Mr. Russell will appear in three plays during his engagement—the new comedy, "An Everyday Man," and a new one-act play, "Mr. Valentine's Christmas," will be given Tuesday and Wednesday. Monday night, twenty years ago, Mr. Russell will give his excellent performance of "Bob Acres," in the famous play, "The Rivals."

In the entire list of actors who have succeeded in establishing themselves firmly in public favor, there were none who more secured that coveted prize, popular approval, to a greater extent than Sol Smith Russell. Mr. Russell won his way into the hearts of theatre-goers here years ago, and has since then been more securely in their appreciation.

Manager Berger has surrounded Mr. Russell with a strong supporting company, which includes George Denham, George Woodard, Miss Minnie Radcliffe, Bilou Fernandez, and Fanny Addison Pitt. All the scenery, furniture, and property are carried with the company.

"Gabriel Swift," the character which the Bell and Russell are presenting, is a naval officer, a "Nancy Lee," which will be given at the Academy next Thursday night. It is one that was seen in nine communities out of ten thirty years ago, when the country was in a state of rebellion. Swift is the Governor's man-of-war taken from life, one that the author claims is still living, and remembers well. He was, in a certain district out West, known to have been a horse-doctor, school-master, a conspicuous figure in every locality, a town figure, in fact, everything you saw fit to call him. He had been everything within the limit of the shyster professionalism. When war was declared, he was, by some manner of means, appointed provost-marshal of the district, which appointment gave him supreme power. He could order a citizen to be shot on the thinnest pretext; could even exercise his authority on a high official. He was the tallest thing in the district. Thus the tallest thing in the district, the author of "Nancy Lee" has taken advantage of the opportunity to create laughter and merriment. For instance, in the blending of his subjects, he brings Gabriel on board a United States man-of-war to interview the captain's nephew (who is held as a prisoner of war), and assuming his provost-marshal supremacy threatens a sailor with death, who has paid no heed to his presence, whereupon the Yankee tars, in a body, hand overboard, showing that colonel's general, and provost-marshals may be all right on dry land, but in the navy they are entirely out of it.—Adv.

"Ships That Pass in the Night," on page 3. Read it.

If you need Furniture of any sort, size, or description, you can get it at Rother's Big Installment House. See his ad. in this paper.

The most novel ad. ever published in Richmond—page 3.

ON THE HUNTINGS.

List of Appointments for Democratic Speakers in Virginia.

Virginia State Democratic Committee Rooms. October 27, 1895.

An announcement of speakers and times and places of speaking, made as follows:

HON. JOHN W. DANIEL. Christiansburg, 20th.

HON. GEORGE D. WISE. Goodland, Courthouse, Court-day.

HON. S. E. JONES. Radford, 30th at night.

HON. H. ST. GEORGE TUCKER. Fluvanna, 28th instant.

JOSEPH BUTTON, ESQ., AND S. L. JOSEPH FERGUSON. Chap. November 2d.

Misses Nettie, Lydia, and Sadie Moore. H. D. FLOOD, ESQ., W. J. HUBARD, ESQ., COLONEL R. W. L. BLANT, J. T. FLOOD, ESQ., AND L. W. HUBARD, 12th.

Well Water, 2 P. M., October 28th. Danvers, 2 P. M., October 30th.

New Store, 2 P. M., November 1st. Arvon, 7 P. M., November 1st.

Eastville, Northampton county, on the 28th instant.

HON. H. WICKHAM, GEORGE P. HON. W. ESQ., AND DR. B. L. WINSTON. Pole Green, 30th instant, 7 P. M.

Cold Harbor, November 1st, 7 P. M.

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death and burial of a child, nineteen months old, at the village of Greenville, in the suburbs of Norwich, north of this city. The house dog of the family had always been good, and was constantly during the past months. After the child was taken sick it did not quit his bedside day or night, and in death even resolutely refused to be parted from his companion. The body was laid in its basket in the parlor near to the street. Finally, finally took it with him for a stroll down the village street. But as soon as they returned the dog, with every opportunity that came into the parlor and threw itself on the floor beneath the coffin, its head plunged in a melancholy pose between its forepaws. Now and then it uttered a faint, dismal, almost inaudible wail, lifting its head for a moment, then sinking it on the carpet beneath its paws. Not long after the funeral procession had returned from the burial ground, the faithful animal having accompanied it three to four miles, it came from the house, but associated that fact in mind with no unusual conjectures. At a o'clock at night, the dog, its member went in search of it, and found it in the cemetery, crouched on the grave of the child. It went home reluctantly, and still leaves over the loss of its playmate.—New York Sun.

VIRGINIA LAND SALES.

Edgar Holt Arrested.—Employed to Prosecute Harris.

PETERSBURG, VA., Oct. 26.—Special.—Mr. Charles Gee sold to-day for Mr. Alexander Hamilton, trustee, several hundred acres of timber land in Sussex county to Mr. James C. Harrison for \$5,500. Auctioneer Thomas Pannell sold at public auction to-day eighty-five acres of land in Prince George county, five miles from Petersburg, to Mr. W. H. Scott for \$200.

The United States internal revenue collections for the past week at the office here amounted to \$150.

This afternoon Mayor Charles P. Collier was taken suddenly ill while in a drug store and was carried home in a carriage. Later in the evening he was much improved.

Mr. Edgar Holt was arrested here last night on a warrant from Lynchburg. Holt, it appears, purchased on last Monday from a "scalper" in Lynchburg two round-trip tickets to Richmond, to be used by him, but the other half tickets remaining were either to be returned by October 25th or Holt was to pay for them.

Only \$8.50.

That's all—but isn't it a perfect jewel of a Top Coat? We'd like to see the tailor who'd undertake to make one for less than \$15—or the ready-made one like it you can buy for less than \$12.50.

"Isn't a money-making Coat for us—'tis for you—but it has got us lots of praise. It has opened the eyes of some men to the possibilities in this store. Teaches a practical lesson in wardrobe economy without any stinginess of style—or quality.

Guess we've got your size—but there aren't many left. Tan—34 inches long—wide seams—it's a typical London Top.

A. SAKS & COMPANY,
Main and Eleventh Streets—"SAKS' CORNER."

Fire, Water, and Smoke!

Our sale of Damaged Goods from the recent fire in our wareroom will begin

Monday Morning, Oct. 28

Sale will continue until every dollar's worth is sold.

23 of our Leonard Refrigerators, all sizes, at half price.

75 Step Ladders, from 4 to 10 feet, only damaged by water.

200 Tin Water Sets, consisting of foot-tub, slop jar, and water carrier, damaged by water and smoke.

100 dozen Brooms, slightly damaged by water—a great bargain.

300 dozen Lanterns, one dozen in a box, slight rust on the frames, boxes smoked, at half price.

100 boxes No. 0 Crimp-Top Chimneys, six dozen in a box, straw wet and boxes smoked. Will be sold by box only.

200 boxes No. 1 Crimp-Top Chimneys, six dozen in a box, straw wet and boxes smoked. Will be sold by box only.

150 boxes No. 2 Crimp-Top Chimneys, six dozen in a box, straw wet and boxes smoked. Will be sold by box only.

100 boxes No. 1 Pearl-Top, will not break from heat; boxes smoked. Will be sold by box only.

90 boxes No. 2 Pearl-Top, will not break from heat; boxes smoked. Will be sold by box only.

450 boxes one-half pint, one-pint, and one-quart Flasks, shorts and fulls. Straw wet and box smoked.

10 60-gallon Oil-Tanks and Measures.

About two car loads of Boys' Express Wagons. Some of them will be sold for 10 cents on the dollar.

200 cases of Assorted Tinware that must be sold.

400 Jardinieres, all sizes and colors, that will go at a great sacrifice.

We are too busy to put these goods in order, so we will give you the opportunity to make some money in your leisure moments.

Every live merchant will get his share of these goods.

In our retail department every dollar's worth of goods damaged by smoke will be sold regardless of cost.

If you are going to get your friend that is going to be married soon a bridal present we carry the largest and best assortment in the city. Cut Glass, Sterling Silver, and all the latest novelties.

1011 E. Main St. No. 9 E. Broad St.,

Retail and Wholesale.

Richmond, Va.

Mail orders will have prompt attention.

Holt claims that on last Tuesday he mailed the tickets to Lynchburg, depositing the envelope in a letter-box on Eighth street, Richmond. The "scalper," not having received the tickets, swore out a warrant for Holt's arrest. Holt, who is a former resident of Petersburg, says that he is perfectly willing to pay for the tickets, and that he signed a contract to that effect at the time, in case they were lost or not returned. Mr. Holt is well known here, and his friends do not think he has intentionally been guilty of anything wrong.

Holt is traveling salesman for Felton & Co. of New York, dealers in stationery. He is a son of John S. Holt, of Matocsa, Chesterfield county. A telegram has been received here announcing the death to-day of Richard Britton, city marshal of Uniontown, Ala., who was shot there a few days ago by V. C. Metzger, a merchant of that place. The deceased was a brother of Misses Jennie and Millie Britton, of this city, and John Britton, of Chesterfield county. Judge Drury A. Hinton has been employed to assist in the prosecution of Richard H. Harris, Jr. for the shooting and killing of W. F. Mallory.

Rev. W. B. Brown has resigned the pastorate of the Matocsa, Ettrick, and Woodland Baptist churches, in Chesterfield county, and the Old-Street Baptist mission of this city, to accept a call to the Second Baptist church at Newport News. Mr. Brown will leave in a few days for the field of labor.

Bernard Barnes, while making some repairs at the Swift Creek Cotton Mills, in Chesterfield county, to-day, lost his foot, and fell a distance of thirty feet into Swift Creek canal. He escaped with a few bruises.

Page 3—a lot of ships—sales of special items. Don't fail to read it.

How many sailors are there on page 3? Who can tell? Read it.

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